

Spring 2 -Year 1 Newsletter



What we are up to!

Talk 4 Writing – We have started this unit by listening to the story, ‘How to Catch a Star’ by Oliver Jeffers. We are now learning our own text map version. We will go onto to compose our own ‘wishing tale’ making sure we include story language, time conjunctions and adjective and noun phrases.

Maths – We are working on addition and subtraction this half term by using our knowledge of place value to help us. We will also be practising counting in 5’s and learning about measurement.

PSHE – Through our jigsaw scheme we will be teaching the unit ‘Healthy me and my Body’. This will include learning about a healthy lifestyle, personal hygiene, medicine and road safety.

PE – We have begun our dance unit, where we will experiment making shapes with our bodies and putting them together to compose a sequence of movement to a range of different music styles.

Art – Within our new art scheme we will be learning ‘simple printmaking’ and using a variety of ways to make print. Our first piece of artwork involved us getting very messy whilst making handprints on a big piece of cardboard! We thought carefully about the colours we chose and where we organised our prints.

Music – This half term we will be learning lots of musical vocabulary with an underwater theme! We have already explored the words ‘pulse’, ‘tempo’, ‘dynamics’ and ‘timbre’ whilst composing music to represent a day at the beach and an underwater scene and are interested to see what we will learn next!

History - We have begun to find out about Mary Seacole, a nurse from the Crimean War. We have loved researching facts about her and will move onto finding out about the Health Service in the past.

Science - Our enquiry question this half term is ‘Are all Animals the same?’ In this unit we will take a more detailed look at the different groups of animals in our world, including their structure and diet. We will also be visiting our school pond to take a closer look at the type of animals we find living there.

Diary Dates

-Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and are have the opportunity to take part in a book swap (see Dojo for more information).

-Red Nose Day will be on Friday 15^h March and children are invited to dress in red or wear something red. The school council have also organised a ‘Cookies and Cakes’ sale that will be taking place at break time. Cookies and cakes will be sold for 20/50p. There will also be a ‘craziest hair’ competition in each year group!.



Reminders

We have put some put some teaching videos and information about how we teach our ‘Daily Sentence’ work on our class Dojo story.

If you haven’t yet, please take a look, as this will help you support your child with sentence writing at home.

Phonics Screening Check

All children in Year 1 will be undertaking a statutory phonics screening check in June. The purpose of the check is to see whether children have learned phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard. The check contains 40 words; 20 real words and 20 ‘nonsense’ words which your child will be asked to read to their teacher.

Your child will score against a national standard and the main result will be whether or not they reach it. Previously, the standard mark has been 32/40, meaning that the children had to use their phonics to read at least 32 words correctly.

You will be able to see examples of previous phonic screening checks here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2022-materials>

The phonics play website has lots of free games and activities that can support your child with the phonics check. These are available here: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

If you have any questions about the check, please come and ask or email either of us. 😊